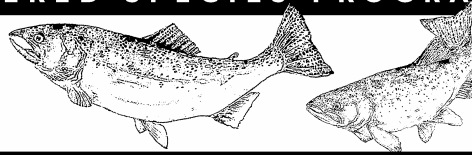


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ESA Program Update

The County Commissioners have again demonstrated their commitment to salmon recovery and the environment by funding the ESA Program for the next biennium. This coming year the program begins to focus on implementation of the plans completed over the past few years. National Marine Fisheries Service has adopted the regional recovery plan for the Washington side of the Lower Columbia. It is a plan that our program and our advisory committee had been working on for the past few years with our partners at the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. Now it needs to be implemented. We'll also work on implementing the watershed plans for WRIA's 26 and 27. And we are in the process of developing guidelines for implementation of the agricultural module of the amended Habitat Conservation Ordinance. We'll continue to work on certification of our development code as compliant with the ESA and our outreach and education programs will again be a large part of our work. The Sammy's are coming up and our presence at the county fair will be expanded. Finally, we are finishing up our Native Plants Guide, which we hope to distribute in the next newsletter. Thanks to all for your continued support and interest. Happy New Year.

Joel Rupley, Program Coordinator

Let's Get It Started...

Time to get the party started for the 2007 Annual Clark County Sammy Awards. This year the awards will be held May 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center. The Sammy Awards got their start in 2001 as a way to recognize individuals and groups in our community who have made strides in salmon recovery in Clark

County. The awards are hosted by Clark County's ESA Program and presented by the Clark County Commissioners.



Dean Sutherland accepting his 2006 Sammy Award

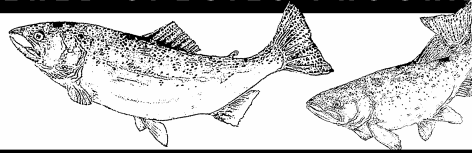
In order to have an awards presentation Clark County needs Sammy Award winners, and thus—nominations. **Do you know an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions in the area of salmon recovery?** Show them your appreciation and admiration by nominating them for a 2007 Sammy Award. A nomination form is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Forms can also be obtained on our web site at www.saveoursalmon.com, or you can contact Joni McAnally at (360) 397-2022, ext. 3 or joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov for a copy.

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Weaving the Web

Have you visited the Clark County ESA web site recently? In September of this year we launched our new kid's web page which was recently updated with a list of reviews of salmon education movies. All the movies can be checked out from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. In addition to the kids page our web site also has our newsletters, previous Sammy winners, fact sheets, information on how to get involved in salmon recovery in Clark County and more. So, visit us at www.saveoursalmon.com and see what's new.

Calendar Highlights

Here's what's happening in 2007:

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

For meeting information, contact the LCFRB at (360) 425-1555 or visit www.LCFRB.gen.wa.us

Second Saturday-Water Safety Fun

1-3, January 13, City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, Contact: (360)696-8478

Clark County Home and Garden Show

January 19-21, Clark County Exhibition Hall, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, Contact: www.oloughlintradeshows.com

Second Saturday-Water Love

1-3, February 10, City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, Contact: (360)696-8478

Clark Public Utilities' Home & Garden Idea Fair

April 27-29, Clark County Exhibition Hall,

17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, Contact: Clark Public Utilities 992-3000

7th Annual Clark County Sammy Awards

3-5, May 24, City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center; for more information contact Joni McAnally (360) 397-2022 or joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov

Naturally Beautiful Backyards Tour

June 24, Contact: Kendra Pearce (360)891-1992

Recycled Arts Festival

July 7-8, Esther Short Park, West Columbia & 8th Street, Vancouver, Contact: Sally Fisher (360)397-6118

Clark County Fair

August 3-12, Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, Contact: (360)397-6180

Stewardship Saturday

9-1, 2nd Saturday of the month, Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, Contact: (360) 882-0936

From the Quote Box

We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.

Jacques Cousteau,
Oceanographer



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